Bar Hill News

The Monthly Magazine of the Residents Association

The objects of the BHRA are to act as an intermediary between the residents and other parties, to keep residents informed of matters of importance and recreation in and around the village, and to promote the interest of BAR HILL VILLAGE.

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MAY WE WISH A
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CHRISTMAS TO ALL
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BAR HILL RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
ADVANCE NOTICE

It is hoped that this will take place in the Village Hall on Monday January 26th at 8.00pm.

Items for the Agenda should be notified to the Secretary (Mrs R. Cruse, I Pheasant Rise, C.H. 81292) by December 20th if possible.

If you sre interested in joining the committee, you can get further information from Robin Cruse (Secretary) or Martin Avery (Chairman and BHN Editor) or any committee member.

Full details will be published next month.

JANUARY BAR HILL NEWS

Items for the January Issue should reach the editor, Martin Avery, 23 Foxhollow, by December 20th.

BONFIRE NIGHT 1980

Thank you all for making the evening an enjoyable and safe one. Special thanks are due to:

STUART JOHNSON - for a marvellous firework display

Those who helped him light the fireworks:

GRAHAM QUATERMASS-LEWIS

COLIN BURLTON

NEIL HASSALL

ROY LOWE

BILL NORTON - for Guy Judging

KEVIN READ-JONES - for Fire marshalling

THE RED CROSS - for First Aid

RON WINGATE - for building the Hot Dog Stall with his scaffolding

Ist BAR HILL SCOUTS - for assistance with the bonfire and for the loan of cooking equipment

NEW IDEAL HOMES - for the use of their land

BAR HILL PARISH COUNCIL MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT - for their assistance and co-operation, especially for clearing the land.

BAR HILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Dec. meeting is on Monday Ist December I980 at 8.00pm in Bar Hill School. The January meeting will be on Monday Jan. I98I at 8.00pm

AGENDA

I. Apologies
2. Minutes of December Meeting
3. Matters arising
4. Correspondence
5. Treasurers Report
6. Village Hall Report
7. Parish Council Report
8. Bar Hill News
9. Annual General Meeting
I0. Any other Business

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

At the Army Chapel, ~~Longstanton.~~
Saturdays 5.45pm to 6.30pm - Children's religious instruction
6.30 - Mass. Enquiries to Mrs M Raistrick, CH 8I450

Religious instruction for children of Primary school age (5-II) from Catholic families in the Village will be held at Bar Hill School on Tuesdays at 4.30pm. Enquiries and further information from: St. Mary's Convent (Cambridge 353913) or Fr. Cleary (Cambridge 350787)

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday I8th November in the Village Hall.

Vacancies for two Parish Councillors

The Clerk announced that there had been no requests for a formal election following the resignation of Neel Matine. The Parish Council was therefore free to co-opt a new member, and an application to join the council had been recieved from Mr Anthony Brown of 4 Acorn Avenue. Mr Brown was proposed as a new member of the Parish Council by David Lindsay and seconded by Derek Ford, and this was carried unanimously. We would all like to welcome Mr Brown to the Parish Council, and hope that he will enjoy serving Bar Hill during his period of office.

The Council was sorry to recieve the resignation of Alan Browning, who is moving away from Bar Hill. This resignation leaves another vacancy on the Parish Council and anyone who would be interested in becoming a member of the Parish Council is invited to contact the Deputy Clerk, Christine Avery (tel. 8I233) for further information.

Proposed extensions to the Village Hall

Following discussions with the architect of the Village Hall, and with other users, the Parish Council has rejected the plans put forward by the Social Club to extend their premises, and has suggested that they should resubmit an alternative scheme taking into account the views expressed by other interested parties. The Planning Committee will draw up guidelines on what would be acceptable, and will put these before the full Council for approval at its next meeting before passing them to the Social Club.

International relations

Peter Tabbitt submitted a report on his recent visit, on behalf of the Parish Council, to Kreis Viersen in West Germany. He mentioned in particular the splendid hospitality shown to him by his hosts. It seems that Bar Hill will not be able to expect an immediate link with any particular town or village, but that in order to achieve this personal links, especially those between particular clubs and societies and their counterparts in Kreis Viersen, would be of great value. With this in mind, David Lindsay suggested that village organisations might like to establish links of this kind and that in this event the Parish Council would be pleased to consider giving financial help with any expenses incurred. Anyone who is interested in furthering international relations in this way should please contact Peter Tabbitt (tel. 80298), Roger Flavell (tel. 8078I) or Mr Norton (tel. 803I9).

Bridle paths

Lyn Moss raised the matter of riders crossing the Village Green and footpaths, using the old route of the bridle path through the centre of the village. The Parish Council would like to remind all horse riders that the bridle path has now been

diverted to follow the outside of the perimeter road from the Drift to the A604, and that this is the route which should be taken. The Council agreed to erect signs to this effect to re-direct riders who were unaware of the diversion.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday I6th December at 7.30pm in the Committee Room, Bar Hill Village Hall.

BAR HILL CHURCH

The Church is sponsored by the Baptist Union, the Church of England, the Methodist Church, the Religious Society of Friends and the United Reformed Church. Coming from a number of different traditions we are learning how to act as one Christian Fellowship. We invite you to join us in this exciting, learning, worshipping and serving experience. Come and help us strengthen our witness to God's presence in this village.

Ministers

The Revd. Richard Smart, The Rectory, Scotland Road, Dry Drayton, Cambridge CB3 8BX Tel: C.H. 80828

The Revd. William Casto, The Church House, I9 Acorn Avenue, Bar Hill. Tel: C.H. 8033I

We meet for fellowship and refreshments after Morning Service and are especially pleased to welcome visitors or newcomers at that time.

Services in December

December 7th	9.45am	Communion and Infant Baptism Preacher: The Revd. Richard Smart
December I4th	9.45am 8am	Family Worship and Toy Service Communion. Leader: The Revd. W. Casto
December 20th (Saturday)	7pm	Ecumenical Carol Service
December 2Ist	9.45am	Morning Worship Preacher: The Revd. Richard Smart
	8pm	Communion
December 24th CHRISTMAS EVE	II.30pm	First Communion of Christmas Celebrant: The Revd. William Casto
December 25th CHRISTMAS DAY	I0.30am	Family Worship and Communion Celebrant: The Revd. Richard Smart
December 28th	7.35am	Transport to Madingley for 8am Communion
	9.45am	Morning Worship Preacher: The Revd. William Casto

January 4th I98I 9.45am Communion and Morning Worship
Preacher: Mrs Pamela Reed

We look forward to seeing old and new friends at the ecumenical Carol Service on Saturday 20th at 7pm. Always a highlight of our year as many come from the surrounding villages. We shall join together in fellowship over refreshments after the service.

At the 'Toy Service' on Sunday I4th December we hope to welcome a member of staff from the Ida Darwin Hospital to speak to us about the care of the children to whom our toys go. Adults as well as children are invited to bring a gift. It is most helpful if the toy is labelled "suitable for boy/girl of x years old."

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Our fortnightly Bible Study led by Philip Berry, one of our Student Team from the Cambridge Federation is proving very helpful. We meet in each others' homes round the village and would be glad to welcome new friends. Further information from Bill Casto.

Please note the special times of Services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day at the Church Centre. We hope that the change will help more families - including Dads - to be with us on Christmas morning. We have an open Communion Table and welcome members of any branch of Christ's Church to join us in the Sacrement whilst respecting those who, for the sake of conscience, cannot accept this invitation.

We send Christmas Greetings to friends near and far (Bar Hill News goes all over the world!) and hope to see you on your travels or ours in I98I when we aim to think, pray and act on the basis of the words of the plaque inside the Church Centre "This House is built that together in Christ we may worship God and serve the Community".

One of the Ministers together with Pam Reed regularly visits the hospitals and we are glad to know of any one who would welcome a call while there or recuperating at home. But if we don't know we can't help, just at a time when we might. If one of us has passed your bed or your ward without saying 'hello' - our joint apologies.

We are still searching for pianists to help with our worship on Sunday mornings on a rota basis. Anne Pitman, now at 46 Foxhollow (tel: C.H. 802I6), would be glad to hear of any volunteers. We are also looking for immediate help on Christmas Eve at II.30pm and Christmas Morning at I0.30am when both our regular pianists will be away. Any offers to Anne Pitman or to Bill or Richard please.

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Over 60's Club Christmas Party

This will take place in the Church at 8pm on Wednesday December 10th. There will be NO afternoon meeting on that day, but members are invited to help set up the Octagon for the evening between 2.30 and 3.30pm. There will be entertainment during the evening and a buffet meal. Please, if you intend to come to the party, give your name to me, or to one of the committee members by Wednesday 3rd December as this will help with the final catering arrangements.

Coffee Mornings

Wednesday 3rd December	Church Centre	10-11.30am
Wednesday 17th December	Church Centre	10-11.30am

Committee Meeting Tuesday 2nd December 10am, 99 Pheasant Rise

If you would like to know more about Good Neighbours, come to one of our meetings or contact me.

Maureen Burlton

1st BAR HILL BROWNIES

Our Christmas Fayre held on the 22nd November raised £88.42 - some of the money will pay for the Brownies to go to the Pantomime at the Arts Theatre at Christmas. Many thanks to all those who gave or made items and special thanks to those who helped on the day.

If there are any girls between 7 and 10 years old who would like to join Brownies, would they like to come along on Monday evenings at 6pm at the school.

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Diana Wordsworth

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We have split the money four ways between the younger and older sections of the community. So £50.00 has gone to the Playgroup organisers to help towards their festivities for the pre-school age-group. £50.00 has also gone to the school to help with their Christmas activities for the primary school age-group. £50.00 will be put towards the End-of-Term disco being organised for the teenagers by the Social Club on Thursday 18th December. This should cater for the teenagers. This leaves £50.00 for the villages senior citizens. On Christmas Eve the Social Club is organising a social get-together to which the senior citizens of the village are invited, and will be looked after by Members of the Club. Amongst other entertainment we are planning to end the evening with a real old-time sing-along. We will try to arrange transport for anyone that needs it.

There will also be an 'Open House' on New Years Eve; bring your own food and drink (the bar will be open to Club Members and Guests, of course) and generate your own special atmosphere. This was a real home-spun success last year, so come along.

SOCIAL CLUB CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Thursday 18th December

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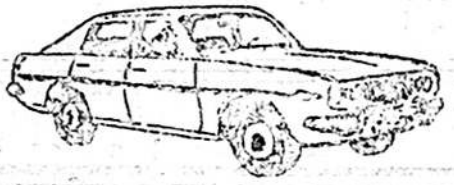

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BAR HILL RED CROSS YOUTH CADETS

As you probably know, Mrs Dianne Gunton left as Red Cross Youth Leader because of other commitments. Di did a splendid job and we give her our heartfelt thanks for 6 years of dedication to this work.

I took over officially from Di at the beginning of September this year, and I hope, with your co-operation I shall be able to come up to Di's standards.

We had an anrolment evening on 2Ist October last, to which parents and friends of the Youth and Junior members were invited, and it proved to be a very enjoyable evening. Mrs Clamp, Branch Youth and Junior Officer from British Red Cross Headquarters Cambridge, presented the badges and certificates and in a short address afterwards she mentioned the knitted blankets that the cadets had made in the past, and said that although they were not put to use straight away, they came in very handy to send to the Algerian Earthquake victims and were packed up with others at the time of the crisis.

It is a wonderfully satisfying feeling to know one belongs to such a great international organisation such as the Red Cross. Very few weeks go by without one reads of help sent out to other less fortunate countries by the Red Cross. There are also hundreds of dedicated Red Cross members who never make the limelight, although they too do a splendid job and give their time and help to the community.

Red Cross is not all bandaging etc., we give service to others by helping people and visiting old people's homes and attending at special functions and race meetings.

The Youth Members who are willing to take the Adult First Aid Course can then attend the Hospitals and help in the Casualty Depts. or just observe patients brought in after accidents. It is exceptionally good grounding for anyone wanting to take up nursing as a profession and it is also an added bonus, for nurses are second-aiders and it is a help if one is proficient at first aid when taking up a career in nursing.

If there are any boys or girls in Bar Hill or the surrounding villages who wish to join our unit, please come along on Tuesday night to Bar Hill School at 7pm until 8.30pm and we will make you welcome. Ages for Youth members are from II to I8 years, and for Junior members from 7 years to IO plus.

It is not all work, we have fun too, and apart from the pride one experiences at being a Red Cross member, it also helps you to meet other friends and neighbours.

After Christmas we are starting a "Home Accident Prevention Course" and an Environmental Health Officer will be coming to give talks and show slides etc. This course is culminated with a short examination for which a voucher certificate will be issued to those who pass. Later on in the year we hope to have a course on "Health and Hygiene".

On 20th December I980 we are singing carols at the old people's

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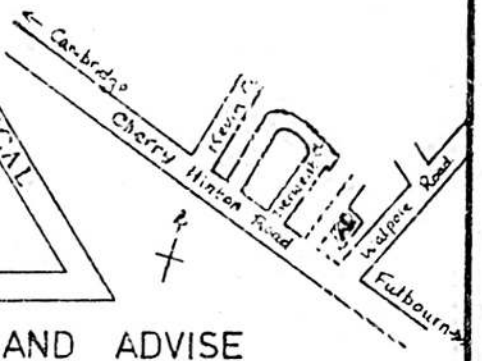

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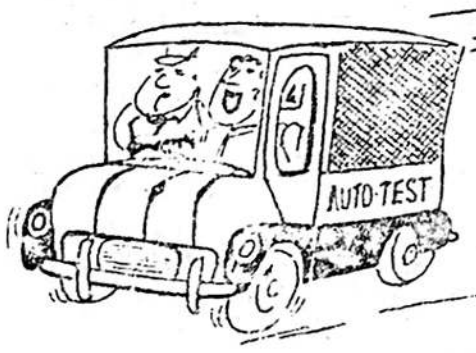

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home at Willingham House and the Youth members have made small gifts for the patients there. Youth members will also be carol singing in Bar Hill village the week before Christmas (gallantly supported by the Junior Members) and I hope you will support them, for they all do a grand job and put a lot of effort into their activities.

Happy Christmas to you All,

Joy Robinson-Judd
Youth Leader, Bar Hill Red Cross Youth Cadets

Tel: Crafts Hill 8I79I

BAR HILL PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Many hands make light work' but not when the hands are those of the excited, exploring toddler and the work is that of Christmas preparation! Young children love to participate fully in the bustling build up to the festival. Even the youngest of them can join in each activity by helping in a simple way and all ages enjoy hearing the story and legends of Christmas.

Collect evergreens for decorating the house. Make a holly wreath or ball for the front door, or a simple advent ring. Children can arrange leaves, apples and plasticene-based candles on to a plate and then enjoy watching one red candle being lit for each Sunday in Advent.

Look at the conifers in shops and parks and let the children help to pot the Christmas tree. Read some of the children's stories about fir trees. Eventually, when the Christmas tree is banished to the garden it can be hung with scraps for the birds.

Children have great fun in decorating the tree, though with more enthusiasm than artistry! Let them hang long threads of silver and gold on the bare branches and then tell the legends of why tinsel is used whilst you place the more delicate decorations.

The Christmas crib is a focus for the festivity in many homes. Simple figures can be made by draping boxes or bottles with silver foil or fabric. The Nativity scene can be gradually built up with the children whilst the story of the first Christmas is told.

Children are sometimes apprehensive of the bearded Father Christmas figures that appear everywhere, apparently ruling the festive season. Show pictures, tell stories of Santa Claus and perhaps make with them a model of boxes, collage or paper mosaic pictures!

The custom of hanging up a stocking is said to have originated with the legend associated with Saint Nicholas at the time he generously provided dowries for the three daughters of a nobleman.

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Christmas cards can be enjoyed by the children as artists, recipients and as postmen! The Christmas card idea had its beginnings in England and family cards were first produced to send greetings.

All the children, families and supervisors of the Playgroup send their Christmas greetings to everyone in the village and thank them for their encouragement and support during the year.

We thank those who contributed to the Christmas Fayre by giving, collecting and making gifts. A share of Playgroup's proceeds will go to the NSPCC who help children and families in so many ways. We also acknowledge with thanks the donation from the Social Club which will be used for the children's Christmas party.

From us all, a happy Christmas.

Rosemary McLachlan
Chairman Bar Hill Pre-School Playgroup
C.H. 81866

BAR HILL TODDLER GROUP

Advance warning! Toddler Group will be holding a jumble sale to raise funds on Saturday 31st January. So please don't get rid of your jumble - further details of what to do with it (!) will be in next month's News.

MAMA

The Meet-a-Mum Association meetings for this month will be on Friday 5th December and Friday 19th December at 2.30pm in the Health Centre. At the second of these meetings we shall be having an informal discussion on sleeping problems.

Further details from Barbara Hastings, 57 Hollytrees
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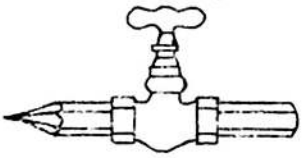

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Stan Frogley	3 Oatlands Ave.
Peter Hoare	I4 Pheasant Rise
Malachy Mulholland	I30 Appletrees
John Neave	2I Gladeside
Dick Roberts	72 Hollytrees
Martin Wright	55 Oatlands Ave.

We have planned a programme of events for the year as follows:

4.I2.80	Darts Match - White Swan, Conington
I0.I.8I	New Years' Party - Saturday
I0.2.8I	Wine Competition
I0.3.8I	Talk - to be arranged
Mar/April	Brewery Visit (Provisional)
April	Return Darts Match
I2.5.8I	Beer and Bread Competition
I3.6.8I	Dwyle Flonking - Saturday
4.7.8I	Barbeque - Saturday
Sept.	Stall at Village Fete
Sept./Oct.	Bedford Beer Festival Visit (Provisional)

Except where stated, we meet in the School on the second Tuesday of each month.

If you are interested in joining, please contact any committee member.

Martin Wright (Treasurer)
C.H. 8I966

CHRISTMAS 3 COURSE LUNCH

FRIDAY I9th DEC.

CHURCH CENTRE

I2.30pm

Adults 75p

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Our main aims are to provide back-up support and emergency help for each other. We also hope to promote the idea of good day-care facilities by using a registered child-minder. An up-to-date list will soon be available in the Health Centre. As we are a National Association, we are informed of the advances made by other childminders throughout the country, and thereby can take their ideas to help our community.

Our first proposal is the setting up of a "Toy Library" with the other "Under-5" groups in the village. We are having an open meeting

on: WEDNESDAY 10th DECEMBER

at: 8.00pm

in: HEALTH CENTRE

Anyone else who is interested, is most welcome to attend.

Dianne Gunton
C.H. 81536

CHESS CLUB

During the wet summer our numbers shrunk, so we now have one league team in place of the four we had last year. We have withdrawn entirely from the Cambridgeshire Chess League and from the first and third divisions of the Huntingdon and Peterborough League. Now we are battling in the second division of the Huntingdon and Peterborough League, and have been very successful so far.

Bar Hill	3½ –	Peterborough	1½ WIN
Bar Hill	4 –	Warboys	1 WIN
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We could do with more support on club night. Any standard of player is welcome. In particular we have two or three youngsters who would welcome more opponents of the same age. See you at 7.30 on Wednesday nights at the School.

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The December Nearly New Sales will be held on Monday 8th Dec. 7.30pm - 9pm and Tuesday 9th Dec. 10am - 12 noon in the Church Centre. As well as clothes, if you have any toys, books or other suitable Xmas gifts in good condition, we will be pleased to do our best to sell them for you. Everything must be in good order - no missing parts. Please mark all items with name, size and price. ½ of proceeds to Church funds.

J. Wilson
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The N.H.R. was founded nearly 21 years ago and our group in Bar Hill is now in its 4th year. Although we are affiliated with the National Organisation we are an individual group of our own. We meet twice a month in an agreeable members house and this provides an informal setting to talk and discuss - it doesn't matter what the topic is just so long as it is not connected with domesticity. Now and again we have a speaker on a specialised subject, a debate, a quiz or a social evening where husbands are invited. The Aim of N.H.R. is the same today as when it was formed and that is to provide a meeting point for like married women to come together. In fact I do think we are unique. As a group we have no committee, it is run purely by its members, indeed a new member can find herself involved at her very first meeting. We do not undertake any fund raising whatsoever. We ask just 20p per meeting - 10p to our hostess for coffee and 10p for our administration costs. At present we have only 18 members and I do feel sure there must be more than 18 women in Bar Hill who would like to meet in an evening, without the children (if you have any) on a regular basis to converse on different subjects other than the prices at Tesco's!

If you feel you would like to come to one of our meetings why not telephone me and I should be happy to take you along.

Margaret R. Brown
Local Organiser
Crafts Hill 80992

On behalf of the hungry hordes who eat lunch at the Church Centre every month, we would like to say "thank you" to Jo, Rosemary and Pam for all their hard work in preparing and cooking the gorgeous grub. It's always much enjoyed by all of us!
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